

## BALLINGER COURTS INVESTIGATION

### NEGROES SHOOT FOUR MEMBERS OF SHERIFF'S POSSE

By Associated Press  
MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 20.—Barricading themselves in a house, Will, Sheldon and Clinton Montgomery, negroes, wanted for the murder of Algernon Lewis, white, Saturday, opened fire on the sheriff's posse near Magnolia, in Maringo county, wounding four whites, two fatally. The house was set on fire and Clinton was cremated, while the other two were captured as they dashed from the burning building. Maringo has a large negro population and a race riot is believed to be imminent.

### STEALS TO BUY A MARRIAGE LICENSE

By Associated Press  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—That he took money to get a marriage license and pay for the expenses of his impending marriage, was the excuse given today by Frank Wilson, a young cigarmaker, charged with the theft of \$6, when he came up for trial. The novel plea touched the sympathies of the judge, and when the man asserted that the girl for whose sake he had taken the money was still willing to marry him, Judge Cabanis announced that he would probably put Wilson on probation.

### DEPEW REPLIES TO PESSIMISTIC PREDICTIONS OF LA FOLLETTE

Senator Delivers Address Laden With Good Cheer and Optimism for the Christmas Season.

By Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Both the house and senate had concluded their labors by 2 o'clock this afternoon. Tomorrow the holiday adjournment for two weeks will be taken. Aside from the confirmation of the nomination of Horace H. Lurton, of Tennessee, as associate justice of the supreme court, the principal feature of the senate was a speech laden with optimism and good cheer for the Christmas season by Senator Depew. The address was called forth by what he characterized as the pessimistic predictions of La Follette's magazine and many newspapers, regarding the effect of the tariff upon prices, and as to the waste of natural resources.

### FATHER OF SHERIDAN WAS A DRUNKARD

Special to the Bonanza  
GOLDFIELD, Dec. 20.—The defense in the Sheridan case rested today, and tomorrow the state will take up the re-direct examination. Mrs. Dan Ryan, a sister of Sheridan, was on the stand during the day and testified that her father was a confirmed drunkard and died from the effects of liquor. She further stated that Sheridan was irresponsible when under the influence of drink.

### Serves Ultimatum to Taft Who Yields

UNPRECEDENTED COLD WAVE  
ON WEST SLOPE OF ROCKIES

By Associated Press  
DENVER, Dec. 20.—The west slope of the Rocky mountains, from central Wyoming down into New Mexico, is in the grasp of a cold wave of almost unprecedented bitterness for this time of the year. Lander, Wyo., reports a temperature of 29 below zero, and Cheyenne 10 below.

At Corona, Colo., near the top of the divide, it was 22 below last night. Pueblo reports 15 below, the coldest since 1892; Leadville, 18 below, and Durango 4 below. At Denver 13 below is recorded. This morning the temperature is gradually rising.

### ANNOUNCES DIVIDEND FOR BANK DEPOSITORS

By Associated Press  
OAKLAND, Dec. 20.—Announcement was made today by H. N. Morris, receiver for the defunct Union National bank, that he had recently received from the comptroller of the currency at Washington checks for depositors of 25 per cent dividends. He also states that a second dividend of 30 per cent will probably be paid next January, and that the depositors will have been paid in full with interest by the time the bank has been in the receiver's hands for one year.

Secretary Says Situation is Intolerable Because  
Irresponsible People are Constantly  
Making Charges.

Investigation Will be Public and all Records  
of Department of the Interior Will  
be Bared to the Public.

By Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Taft today yielded to the demands of both Secretary Ballinger and his critics for a public investigation of the whole subject matter underlying the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

Ballinger this afternoon served upon the president virtually an ultimatum to the effect that such an investigation was the price of his remaining in the cabinet.

Taft, it is said, reluctantly admitted the support of the leading republicans in both branches of congress. When Ballinger laid the matter before the president, Attorney General Wickersham and Postmaster General Hitchcock were present. The secretary of the interior told the president, it is said, that the situation had become intolerable through constant charges being made against him by irresponsible persons, and that he could no longer sit by, in justice to himself, and that he felt compelled to insist upon an investigation. The president was given to understand that the demand carries the endorsement of both Wickersham and Hitchcock. Tomorrow is cabinet day and the matter will probably be one of the important subjects of the meeting.

A few days ago Representative Hitchcock, democrat, of Nebraska, demanded action upon his resolution providing for an investigation of the land office, and this is believed to be partially responsible for the secretary's action. Ballinger, it is declared, feared that the resolution might be laid upon the table by the republican majority, and that such action might be construed by his enemies as an effort on the part of the administration to "whitewash" him.

A personal friend of Ballinger who recently left the government service, and who himself has been an investigator in the department of justice and is an expert in the land laws, urged the secretary to take the action. He impressed the secretary with the conviction that the time had come when he must either demand acquittal or retire to private life.

### MADRIZ IS ELECTED SUCCESSOR OF ZELAYA

By Associated Press  
MANAGUA, Dec. 20.—Dr. Jose Madriz was unanimously elected president of Nicaragua by the congress today. There was a stormy session but there seemed to be perfect unanimity with regard to the election of Madriz. When the official announcement was made there was cheering and cries of "Viva Madriz," "Viva Leon," "Down with monopolies," "Down with tyranny," and "Long live the constitution."

### NEGRO TAKEN FROM JAIL BY MOB AND LYNCHED

By Associated Press  
ROSEBUD, Texas, Dec. 20.—Coke Williams, a negro, who shot and fatally wounded City Marshal Williams today, was taken from jail by a mob tonight and lynched. Williams was shot while trying to take the negro into custody on a minor charge.

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Four important aspects of the situation were taken into consideration by the party leaders: The effect upon the future of the republican party, and the Taft administration, if the attacks upon the integrity of cabinet members are allowed to pass unanswered and unchallenged; the possibility of a controversy between adherents and opponents of Ballinger becoming bitter enough to endanger party legislation; a practical standstill of the whole policy of conservation in the present conflict among those in whose hands lies the administration of that policy; a desire to do justice toward a cabinet officer whose personal and official integrity has been assailed.

Ballinger is impatient, it is said, and has urged that the resolution providing for a congressional investigation be presented to the senate tomorrow. It is understood tonight that he has been overruled on that point and that the exceedingly complex task of determining the form of inquiry will be threshed out between now and the reconvening of congress January 4.

It is believed that the investigation will be public and that the entire department of the interior, so far as public lands, mineral and water rights are concerned, must be bared to the searchlight from the time Ballinger was commissioner of the general land office under the Roosevelt administration, down to the present time.

Madriz will assume the presidency at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. He was escorted to the balcony of his hotel, where he made a brief address, urging harmony and co-operation. He pledged he would uphold the rights of citizens, granting free elections, and establishing a policy of equal opportunities for all.

Monopolies. "Down with tyranny," and "Long live the constitution."

### DEATH SUMMONS FORMER SENATOR FROM KANSAS

By Associated Press  
CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Former United States Senator William A. Harris, of Kansas, died suddenly at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mackry, here today. Heart disease is given as the cause of death. He was senator from Kansas from 1897 to 1903. He was born in 1841.

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### SHOOTS MAN WHO REFUSED HIM WORK

By Associated Press  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Because J. H. Swanson, a Norwegian foreman carpenter, refused further work to Gill Fandlum, the latter shot him through the jaw upon meeting him in a saloon at Seventeenth and Noe streets tonight. Swanson is in a serious condition.

### BURGLARS ATTEMPT TO ROB POSTOFFICE

By Associated Press  
SAN JOSE, Dec. 20.—Burglars at 3 o'clock this morning blew off the outer door in the safe in the Sunnysvale postoffice, but failed to effect an entrance. Two men were seen running away, and a night policeman fired three shots at them, but without effect. Nothing was taken.

### SEES TRAIN FIRST TIME; THEN KILLED BY HORSE

By Associated Press  
CALISTOGA, Cal., Dec. 20.—Carl Monson, the 17-year-old son of Oscar Monson of Middletown, who saw a railroad train for the first time in his life today, was accidentally killed a few miles from town this afternoon by being trampled on by his father's horse.

### MYSTERY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BANDIT IS NOW SOLVED

Former Policeman, Who Suicided Friday, is  
Believed to be the Notorious Drug Store  
Robber.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Walter Carroll, a former policeman, whose body is in the morgue at San Jose, is now believed to be the lone bandit who terrorized this city for two weeks. He was partially identified by Dr. Noland, a clerk in the Gleason drug store. Gleason will go to view the body tomorrow.

Carroll was killed by a train Friday, and at first it was uncertain whether it was accident or suicide. Suspicion was aroused by letters purporting to be written by the bandit, which were received by the police, saying that the former policeman was the only man in the city tallying with the bandit's description. Carroll resigned from the force in October, following the death of his wife, which was followed by a verdict of suicide, but ugly rumors were not quieted by the finding.

### RECORD PRICE FOR EGGS REACHED IN CHICAGO

By Associated Press  
CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—An advance of 4 cents a dozen was made in the price of eggs yesterday, bringing the price of fresh laid eggs to 46 cents, a point not attained in years at this season. Cold weather and bad country roads, impeding the movement of supplies, were given as the reasons.

### GOING TO PASADENA

Miss Jessie Logan visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gibson Thursday, while on her way to Pasadena, via Tonopah. The Logans have leased their ranch to Tom Chambers and William Bockman, and the family expects soon to remove to Pasadena, where they will make their future home. Mrs. Logan and her family have many warm friends in Smoky valley and the northern Nye county mining camps who will miss them to no small extent.—Round Mountain Nugget.

### THE LESSON OF THE BEE

Teacher—Now, Johnnie, what lesson do we learn from the busy little bee?  
Johnnie—Not to get stung.

### BIG DEPARTMENT STORE AT LONDON IS DESTROYED

By Associated Press  
LONDON, Dec. 20.—A disastrous fire, involving, as far as known, the loss of three lives and the destruction of the department store of Arding and Hobbs at Clapham, in the southwestern quarter of London, occurred today. The fire was due to the breaking of an electric bulb, which started a blaze among celluloid articles beneath. It occurred when the store, covering an acre of ground and having five floors, with hundreds of departments, was full of customers. The damage is estimated at \$2,500,000.

### LAWYER STABS HIS CLIENT IN COURTROOM

By Associated Press  
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20.—In a magistrate's court here today, S. A. Carter, a well known lawyer and confederate veteran, stabbed and probably mortally wounded his client, J. A. Smith, who stabbed the attorney in return.

It is said Smith accused Carter of failing to prepare his case after accepting a fee. Carter, who was arrested, will recover.

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### POLICE ARREST POWERFUL CHINESE FOR TONG MURDER

By Associated Press  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Tong King Chong, editor and publisher of the Chinese Free Press, secretary of the Chinese society of Free Masons, the most powerful Chinese organization in this country, and the right hand man of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the revolutionist for whose capture the Pekin government is said to have a standing offer of \$50,000, was arrested today on an indictment for murder in connection with the feud between the Yee family and the On Yick tong.

Victor Brandt, a former Tonopah man but who now resides at Hot Creek, is spending several days in this city renewing acquaintances with old friends. Mr. Brandt says that the people of his home district are anxiously awaiting the advent of the Ely-Goldfield road, and then things will commence to hum.